

April 20, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28, 1999
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Arizona Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 28, 1999

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of March 24, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve March 24, 1999 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*7. <u>Recommended Changes to the MAG Roads of Regional Significance</u> The Roads of Regional Significance (RRS) concept and design guidelines were adopted by the Regional Council in the Spring of 1991. The	7. For information, discussion and approval of the recommended changes to the MAG Roads of Regional Significance.
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routes identified by the concept are part of the regional roadway network and consist of principal arterials and streets identified to complement the MAG Freeway/Expressway Plan by providing a three mile grid of roads built to a high level of design. On January 31, 1996, the Regional Council accepted the RRS Evaluation report with the provision that the RRS concept would be referred to the Transportation Review Committee for updating, as necessary. Since that time, the TRC and the Street Committee have evaluated the RRS and proposed changes to the System. The Management Committee concurred with these changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*8. Expression of Concern Over Census Bureau Delays Regarding Census 2000

Census 2000 is less than a year away, and the Census Bureau has missed a number of deadlines for distributing essential information to cities and towns that will be needed to prepare for the Census. This includes boundary and annexation surveys, address files, and maps of census geography. At the March 18, 1999 meeting of the MAG POPTAC, it was recommended that a resolution be sent to the Bureau of the Census expressing concern with the delays regarding Census 2000. At the April 14, 1999 Management Committee meeting, the issue of adopting a resolution versus sending a letter to the Census Bureau was reviewed. The MAG staff recommended that a letter be forwarded to the Census Bureau expressing concern with the delays because it provided a more appropriate method of expressing concern to the Census Bureau. The Management Committee also discussed the format for presenting committee recommendations. The Management Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Regional Council send a letter to the Bureau of the Census expressing our concerns. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Draft July 1, 1998 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates

On behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), MAG has prepared July 1,

8. For information, discussion and approval for the Chairman of the Regional Council to forward a letter to the Census Bureau expressing concern with delays to Census Bureau programs for Census 2000 and encouraging Bureau management to implement the measures necessary to achieve a successful census.

9. For information, discussion and approval of the July 1, 1998 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates.

1998 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates. The Updates, based upon the 1995 Special Census, will be used by ADWR in assessing municipal compliance with per capita water use targets and were recommended for approval by the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) on March 18, 1999. The Management Committee recommended approval of the POPTAC recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Projects and Consultant Approval for MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program

In May 1998, the Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$150,000 for pedestrian design assistance. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised for on-call consulting assistance for the design of pedestrian areas and facilities in February 1999 and nine consultant proposals were received. MAG member agencies were requested to submit projects to receive the design assistance in February 1999. On March 26, 1999, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended that eight consultants be included on the on-call list. The Working Group also recommended that the following receive design assistance: 1) The Town of Gila Bend - \$10,000 (after discussing concerns that the funding request may not be sufficient for the scope described, the Pedestrian Working Group allowed up to an additional \$15,000 for the Gila Bend project), Central Pedestrian Way; 2) City of Peoria - \$65,000, Pedestrian Crossing at Grand Avenue/Burlington Northern-Santa Fe; 3) City of Phoenix - \$60,000, Laveen Watercourse/ Greenbelt Pedestrian Trail. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Pedestrian Working Group. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Videoconferencing Status Report and Forthcoming Manufacturer Demonstrations

In September 1998, the Regional Council accelerated the MAG teleconferencing and telecommunications program, including the preparation of a Videoconferencing Study to define a region-wide videoconferencing system which intends to link MAG, member agencies and the Regional Public Transportation Authority.

10. For information, discussion and approval to select the following firms as on-call consultants to provide pedestrian design assistance: A. Dye Design; e group; Logan Simpson Design; Entranco; Planners Ink; Urban Earth Design; Coe & Van Loo; and Robert Bein, William Frost & Associates. Also to select the following projects to receive the pedestrian design assistance: 1) Town of Gila Bend - \$25,000, Central Pedestrian Way; 2) City of Peoria - \$65,000, Pedestrian Crossing at Grand Avenue/Burlington Northern-Santa Fe; 3) City of Phoenix - \$60,000, Laveen Watercourse/ Greenbelt Pedestrian Trail.

11. For information and discussion.

The objective of the establishment of the videoconferencing system is to reduce vehicle miles traveled, congestion and air pollution by eliminating the need to travel to as many meetings. The consultant for the project has conducted site surveys with each of our member agencies to identify potential videoconferencing applications and available facilities and undertaken an overview of the major companies that manufacture videoconferencing equipment to determine what would be suitable to meet our needs. Based on this analysis, MAG will be sponsoring a videoconferencing manufacturer demonstration program on Monday, May 3, 1999. The purpose of the demonstration will be to evaluate the types of videoconferencing equipment that will be considered for our videoconferencing system. It is anticipated that about four manufacturers will participate in the program. Technical staff, management and elected officials are encouraged to attend this manufacturer demonstration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

12. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council.

12. For information and discussion.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

13A. MAG Federal Funding: Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG submits a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for an air quality conformity analysis. The TIP includes federally funded transportation projects. Under TEA-21 federal formulas, MAG is expected to directly receive approximately \$55 million each year in federal funds, and these funds have been allocated to projects and placed in the draft TIP. In accordance with Regional Council action, up to \$33.6 million of MAG federal funds have been allocated to regional freeway system projects. In addition to MAG federal funds, ADOT provides MAG an estimate of State federal funds available

13A. For information, discussion and approval to include the MAG federally funded projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee with the adjustments recommended by the staff in the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis.

to this region for programming. Due to the increase in MAG federal funds projected for all years of the TIP, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) has recommended that only the additional funds in the first three years of the TIP should be programmed (FYs 2000, 2001 and 2002). For these years, approximately \$100 million in total is expected to be available for freeway projects and approximately \$45 million in uncommitted funds for other projects such as streets, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and telecommunication projects. New project requests were received totaling \$191 million. These projects were rated by MAG modal technical advisory committees and on February 23, 1999, the TRC reviewed the ratings and recommended a program of MAG Federally funded projects for inclusion in the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TRC with the adjustments recommended by the staff. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13B. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. The TIP serves as a five year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. On February 23, 1999, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TRC with the adjustments recommended by the MAG staff. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13C. Conformity Analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in

13B. For information, discussion and approval to authorize a conformity analysis of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

13C. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an update to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Items addressed in this Update include: 1) priority changes in the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) an updated Long Range Transit Plan, 3) extending the time horizon to 2019, and 4) incorporation of changes from the draft FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program. On February 23, 1999, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the LRTP Summary and 1999 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TRC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13D. Long Range Transit Plan Update

The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) has completed an update of the Long Range Transit Plan for the region. The Long Range Transit Plan is developed to articulate a vision for the future of public transportation in the region. The Plan's horizon is a 20 year period. Near term issues and specific projects are addressed in the Short Range Transit Plan, which covers a period five years into the future. Both documents are prepared by the RPTA for inclusion into the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The Plan update includes a fixed guideway system and major expansions of local, express and Dial-A-Ride bus services. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Long Range Transit Plan for inclusion into the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13D. For information, discussion and approval to include the 1999 Update of the Long Range Transit Plan into the Draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis.

GENERAL ITEMS

14. Announcement of Appointments to the MAG Nominating Committee

Each April, the Chairman of the Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. According to the Nominating Process, revised by the Regional Council in September 1996, the Nominating Committee develops a slate of five candidates.

14. Announcement of the appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee by the Chairman of the Regional Council.

These candidates include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, the Past Chairman, and one member-at-large. If the Past Chairman is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The past Chairman of the Regional Council, if still a current member, serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers. The slate of nominations is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June.

STUDY SESSION ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

15. Update on the MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence

In May 1998, the Regional Council approved the development of a regional plan on domestic violence. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee formed a subcommittee to guide the development of the Plan and working groups were formed to work on specific elements of the Plan. The domestic violence planning process produced a safety plan for general distribution and a local government resolution adopted by the League of Cities and Towns. Approximately 150 people from diverse disciplines participated in developing 41 recommendations on prevention/early intervention, crisis and transitional response, system coordination and long term response. These recommendations provide a comprehensive coordinated community response to domestic violence in the Valley. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information and discussion.